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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
INDEPENDENCE MAN SENTENCED
FOR POSSESSING FIREARM IN A SCHOOL ZONE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm in a school zone.

Earl M. Bogle, 37, of Independence, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On March 9, 2004, **Bogle** pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a firearm in a school zone. By pleading guilty, **Bogle** admitted that he was in possession of a Smith and Wesson 9 mm semi-automatic pistol on Oct. 2, 2005.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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